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Enclosed is an **After Final Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 Expedited Procedure for Examining Group 1617** in response to the most recent Office Action for the following patent application:

Application of: Douglas Quong

Serial Number: 09/425,636

Filed: October 22, 1999

Title: Active Material Within Hydrogel Microbeads

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Filed: October 22, 1999

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For: ACTIVE MATERIAL WITHIN HYDROGEL MICROBEADS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ✓

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 6, 2001. Applicant believes that no fee is due with this Amendment. However, should a fee be required, kindly charge it to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification

On page 1, please delete the title and replace it with the following:

--METHOD OF DELIVERING ACTIVE MATERIAL WITHIN HYDROGEL
MICROBEADS--.

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